

Culross Community Council

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council on 7th December 2015

Held in Town House

Present:
CCC Cllr Tim Collins (Chairperson)
CCC Cllr David Alexander (Vice Chairperson)
CCC Cllr Robin MacKenzie (Treasurer)
CCC Cllr Diane MacKenzie (Minute Sec)
CCC Cllr Robert Nelson
In attendance:
Cllr Willie Ferguson
Lynne Smith
Apologies Submitted:
CCC Cllr Ben Cook
Elaine Longmuir NTS Property Manager

The meeting started at 7.00pm with Cllr Tim Collins in the Chair.

Agenda Item	Narrative	Action Owner &
	The Chair welcomed all present.	
1. Apologies	CCC Ben Cook and Elaine Longmuir, NTS Property Manager	
2. NTS	No NTS Report	
3. Police Report	No Police report	
4. Approval of Minutes of the last Meeting	The Minutes of 2 nd November 2015 were approved: Proposed: DA Seconded: TC	
5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes:	The signage poles & signs have now been set at Devilla Forest Sawmill entrance. Bench to be moved at Session Green. Christmas Trees purchased and erected, still require lighting decoration.	Completed TC/DA/RM RN/ DA
6. Treasurer's Report:	Robin circulated copies of the monthly report and the balances are as follows – Current account - £1,324 Environmental Projects Account - £63,455 Covering the new play park is expected to cost £83,596 with a grant of £25,000 from Fife Environmental Trust paid on completion. Change of signatory forms received and completed.	RM
7. Correspondence Received	No paper correspondence received. Police Survey to be completed on CC email. Grant information on CC email, possible options for refurbishing public toilets, Tim will progress.	ALL TC
8. Chair's Report	Forth Road Bridge Closure – extensive discussion on the impact of the Bridge closure on the village and the	

	<p>implementation of major road diversion plan. No local consultation and CCC dependent on media for updates.</p> <p>Huge volumes of traffic using low road thro village to avoid Clacks Bridge queues and long diversions, traffic flowing well during most of the day but concern about peak time volume, speed & intolerance causing risk/ problems, especially at the pinch points.</p> <p>Buildings & parked cars have been hit and incidents of road rage. Residents advised to report all concerns to police using 101.</p> <p>Speed Cameras have been requested and 'local access' road signage to limit volume of traffic using road.</p> <p>Primary School parents to be asked to use West car Park for pick up/ drop off and suggestion to be made to Queen Anne for the school bus to drop off/ pick up there to avoid coming through the village.</p> <p>Email traffic updates being sent to all those on the village mailing list and information sharing working well.</p> <p>Emails sent to all MSP's and local Councillors to highlight local concerns the need for consistency between Traffic Scotland & Police Scotland in operating the Resilience Plan - responses & support received from Cara Hilton MSP & Willie Ferguson.</p> <p>The hope is the A985 will be open for longer periods than at present to reduce traffic volume thro village and bridge repair will progress as expected and be open early 2016.</p> <p>The newsletter went out on time – just - Currently we have ads to cover the costs and with the Tombola receipts this edition will be well in the black financially.</p> <p>There is still no feedback from the “Task Force” established to aid in the aftermath of the Longannet closure. As we have not been invited on to the Task Force, we have no information as to the status of the ash lagoons, the cycle way, the ash pipes and all the other environmental issues that will arise from the departure of SP. We had hoped that SP would impart whatever they can through the Newsletter but that didn't happen – maybe they have no further updates?</p> <p>The community volunteer group meeting (Forum) in the Stephen Memorial Hall on the 17th November seemed to go well and was appreciated by those taking part.</p> <p>The Festive Period events have been settled and participants co-ordinated at this meeting.</p> <p>There is to be the Hogmanay Ceilidh in the stables followed by the Torchlit parade. First aiders, marshals and safety vehicle are all in place. Parade licence and insurance are also in place.</p> <p>Signage posts at Davilla have been erected – thanks to David, Robin and Andrew.</p>	<p>DM</p> <p>TC/ BC</p> <p>WF</p> <p>RM/ TC/ RN/ DA</p>
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	<p>Christmas trees, by Robert, have been erected at the Town House and in the Community Garden.</p> <p>The seniors Christmas shopping trip and afternoon tea on the 24th November went well.</p> <p>Monthly Quiz – last Thursday each month to raise funds for each group that hosts - quiz night sheet to be emailed the forum?</p>	<p>RN</p> <p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>
9. Elected FC Cllrs' Reports	<p>Recent 'mud flood' from the north of the village, down Erskine Brae, Tanhouse Brae and into Low Causeway – engineer's report pending, sandbags available for collection from Milesmark and longer term solutions being considered by FC & Land Owners.</p> <p>Flood Kit Box is available to be placed in areas with high flood risk and accessed using combination lock – agreed good location would be beside central post box and Willie will enquire.</p> <p>CCC has written to Ian Jones FC regarding concerns re above, Strynd Vennel & Slate Loan and awaiting response.</p> <p>CCC would like to formally thank Willie for all his efforts over the weekend to assist with managing this exceptional situation.</p>	<p>WF</p> <p>DM</p>
10. External Meeting Reports	No External Meeting Reports	
11. Planning	No Planning Matters.	
12. Any Other Competent Business	<p>Donald Campbell, Chair of WFVF, has been in contact regarding flooding in Shiresmill – CCC not aware of recent flooding and will request further information.</p> <p>Play Park – contractors started work on site this week and expected to be completed early 2016.</p> <p>£3,000 has been donated towards village projects following recent Outlander filming. David to progress.</p> <p>Newsletters – unable to deliver to West Green due to filming and Tim will now undertake.</p> <p>Reports received of strong smell of petrol coming over from Grangemouth – Willie will advise.</p> <p>A985 Road Safety – following further spate of recent accidents, request to be made for speed limit to be reduced to 50mph. Tim to write to Transport Scotland.</p> <p>Footbridge Low Valleyfield – Graffiti to be removed from bridge and flooded path repaired. Willie to action.</p> <p>Historical Documents – Robert to deliver financial papers to Tim for disposal.</p> <p>Thanks – Christmas cards signed for sending to Eileen, Enid & George.</p>	<p>TC</p> <p>DM</p> <p>DA</p> <p>TC</p> <p>WF</p> <p>TC</p> <p>WF</p> <p>RN</p> <p>TC</p>
13. Date of Next Meeting	Next Meeting – Monday 1 st February 2016, 7pm in the Town House	

The meeting ended at: 8.45pm